

Buena Park police say he started a confrontation in which he ended up getting shot.

Truck driver claiming he was shot in a robbery is arrested

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BUENA PARK A Paramount man who said he was shot during an alleged robbery is now in custody awaiting arraignment on charges of terrorist threats, burglary and lying to officers, police reported.

At a Fullerton hospital Tuesday night, Jamy Arthur Richards, 47, told detectives he got shot after someone robbed him of his cell phone and he chased after the thief behind a grocery store on the 6900 block of La Palma Avenue.

But detectives tell another story, said Buena Park police Sgt. Bill Kohanek.

They say the robbery never happened.

Instead, around 9:30 p.m., investigators said Richards walked several blocks to the 6900 block of Houston Street, and began banging on the walls of a home belonging to a 39-year-old man. Richards had parked his commercial truck at a grocery store.

The man in the house grabbed his handgun after hearing the noise.

"He walked to the front of the house, and Richards broke through the front door," Kohanek said. "The victim fired one time, and he believed he had missed the suspect. He said it startled him (Richards)."

That's when the victim recognized Richards as a man who had threatened him before, Kohanek said.

Police believe the disagreement was over a woman.

Richards made his way back to his truck, where he phoned a friend who dropped him off at the hospital.

Hospital staff called Buena Park officers to report the shooting. When officers interviewed him Tuesday night, Richards told them a story about a robbery and a shooting, Kohanek said. But, he added, when officers examined the "scene" behind the grocery store, they found no evidence to support Richards' claim.

Then on Wednesday, Richards called the victim, authorities said.

Detectives returned to the hospital to confront Richards, who then admitted he had fabricated the robbery about the story, Kohanek said.

- Caption: Richards

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